



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT LEURYS ACOSTA, CHAIRPERSON KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

PARKS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	February 11, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Videoconference Meeting ID:827 5857 9476 By Phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/DMuCVk-8IK8
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Tobie Buford ✓ Yini Rodriguez ✓ Tasha Andrews _ Marcus McLarty _ Gwen Thomas Steed _ Esme Sattaur-Low _ Jesús López-Jensen
Minutes done by:	Barbara Stronczer

Agenda:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct: Read by Barbara Stronczer**
- II. Introductions/Attendance: Quorum was not met**
- III. Review of Previous Minutes (If applicable)**
- IV. Follow-up from Previous Month (If applicable):**
 - A. A bench at Williamsbridge Oval will be named in honor of Dwight Downer, coach of the Buccaneers Football Program. The funds will be provided by Councilman Dinowitz.**
- V. New Business**
 - A. Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) Updates**
 - 1. Frisch Field Rehabilitation Update:**
 - a) The rehabilitation is currently at the procurement stage and will last 10-12 months.**
 - 2. Maintenance at CB7’s Parks Update:**
 - a) Garbage Spillage**



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(1) Joe Magneri, the Park Manager, promised to remind his staff to sweep up any spillage from trash removal.

b) Spring/Summer Staffing

(1) Interviewing has started for the spring and summer seasons.

c) Snow Removal

(1) Snow removal is difficult because the Sanitation Dept. uses much of the Parks' equipment for road snow removal. Complaints regarding the lack of snow removal on the paths at Devoe Park were raised. Requests to use the field for football practice at the Oval were also made. Practice cannot be held until the snow melts.

VI. Cameras Installation at Williamsbridge Oval Update

A. Twenty cameras were installed in and around the recreation building. Two Argus cameras, which are monitored by the Police Dept., were also installed. One is installed at the basketball courts, and the other is located at the tunnel.

VII. Suggestions for the 2026 Tree Lighting Ceremony

A. More Decorations.

B. Set up a lane to park cars for the elected officials to avoid parking on the grass.

C. Order more cider and hot chocolate.

D. Better lighting at the tables. The tree, which has been used in the past, will be retired. In the future, we will use the tree located to the left of the current tree in the mall area.

VIII. Park/Park Area Letter Of Support Request Application

A. A petition with 100 signatures is needed before the board can follow up on a request. Board members cannot carry or sign the petition. A relative or friend of Doug Condit would need to start the process.

IX. CB 7 Park Recreation Centers & Volunteer Groups Updates (If applicable)

A. Fatima Brown from St. James announced a silent disco for St. James Park on 2/14/26. She also reported on the opening of the Poe Center on Thursday-Saturday from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Yoga is scheduled at the center on Wed. from noon to 1:00 PM. Lastly, Friends of Devoe have a park meeting scheduled for Feb. 28th.

X. Announcements:

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A. Neighborhood Tree Planting Program Update: <https://bit.ly/4rynYT9>

1. New trees are being planted throughout CB7. Some were planted in the fall, and the rest are being planted this spring. Our board's total number of new trees is 507.

B. The 32nd Annual Bronx Park SpeakUp is scheduled for Sat. Feb 28th at Lehman College. The event runs from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

XI. Next Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

XII. Discussion on Next Agenda

XIII. Adjournment

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